

SINKING OF THE WELL AT THE STATE TRANSPORT DEPOT, BADAMI TOWN.

*Q.—345. Sri M. R. PATTAN SHETTY (Guledgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they are aware that the work of the well at the State Transport Depot, Badami Town, Bijapur District, was completed though water was not struck ;

(b) if so, the action they propose to take in the matter ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for State Transport, Mining and Food).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Member's Representation.

Sri G. E. HOOVER (Chickpet).—Sir, Last year, I raised the point of declaring Good Friday as a Holiday. 31st of this month is Good Friday. When I requested the Chief Minister last time, he promised to consider it this year because the request was made rather late. Sir, Good Friday is a very important day for Christians-- it is the death anniversary of Jesus Christ and it is observed throughout the world. I hope the Chief Minister will declare that day as a holiday.

†Sri F. X. BENIS PINTO (Kaup).—Sir, Good Friday is a very important day for Christian community and also for the public. It may be noted that in Kerala, Andhra and Bombay it has been declared as a public holiday and also by the Centre. When a special request was made to the Chief Minister when he came to South Canara during the bye-election, by the Catholic community, he was good enough to assure that it would be declared as a holiday. During the session last year also when some of the M. L. As. represented about this, the then Law Minister—Sri Subramanya promised to consider the matter. We are surprised to see that it is not declared as a public holiday but it is notified also that there is the Assembly session on that day. May I request the Chief Minister, as a good gesture to the minority community, to declare Good Friday as a public holiday, Sir ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, the question of giving holidays to the Mysore State is being considered by the Government and I will be able to explain the whole position tomorrow.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Sir, you have reserved ruling on two points in respect of Q. No. 193 and 204 in the 7th list.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The questions held over will have to be taken up.

Before I call upon Sri Mallaradhya to speak, there is a suggestion that there should be time limit for speeches. I would like to know the sense of the House.